

COUNCIL BRIEFS

January 30, 2015

Take the CDBG survey: Each year the Town of West Hartford receives a federal grant called the Community Development Block Grant for housing and community development projects that primarily benefits low to moderate income residents. Every five years, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the Town to create a Consolidated Plan outlining how it will spend the money over the next five years. The plan, which spans July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020, will be submitted to HUD in May. Public input is an important part of this process and we invite you to take an 8-question survey to express your opinion on where you see the greatest needs for funding in our community. Survey responses are due by February 9, 2015. [Click here!](#)

DPW battles the blizzard: The Dept. of Public Works' plan of attack for the 2015 Blizzard began at 6:30 AM on Monday, January 26 by preparing equipment for the storm. At 11 AM, crews began pre-treating the roads and by the evening rush hour, all DPW trucks were deployed to scrapping and treating main roads. By 10 PM all available resources (town and contractors) had been deployed to keep pace with the accumulating snow. All roads were cleared and passible by 5 PM Tuesday, January 27, 8 hours after the accumulating snow had stopped. A total of 11 inches fell in town. At 1 AM Wednesday, crews went back out to clear an additional 1-inch of snow that fell from a lingering snow band related to the blizzard.

Children's Charity Ball a success: On Jan. 17, the Hartford Golf Club was filled with 370 decked-out guests who gathered in support of the 16th annual Children's Charity Ball. The club was lit-up under a dreamy sky of cream, white, and champagne paper lanterns reflecting the gala's theme, "Light Up A Life." The event netted more than \$240,000. The Bridge Family Center is grateful to all the volunteers, sponsors

and attendees of the event. Proceeds help children and families in need.

Welcome new firefighters: On January 26, the West Hartford Fire Department hired eight new Firefighters/Paramedics. They are William Berghoff of East Lyme, Jeffrey D'Albero of Waterford, Edward Dombroskas of Kensington, Matthew Hebert of Farmington, Lawrence Irvine of New Britain, Patrick Leonard of New London, Steeve Parent of Glastonbury, and Anthony Rokosa of Unionville. For the first three weeks the firefighters will undergo training and will later be assigned to a station.

9th Annual Wine Tasting Event: The West Hartford Exchange Club presents the 9th Annual Wine Tasting Event to benefit the Town That Cares fund and Exchange Club Donation Fund. The event will be held at the town hall auditorium on February 7, 6:30-11:30 PM. The event includes a grand assortment of wines and select beers and presented by Wine Cellars 4. Hors d'oeuvres from local restaurants, music and dancing are also featured. Cost: \$60 per person. Call 631-532-9411 for tickets.

Retirements: The Town of West Hartford offers well wishes to the following employees who have a combined 130 years of service:

- Fred Gerber, 32 years of service at the Veterans Memorial Skating Rink
- Nancy Merrill, 27 years of service in the Pension Office
- Apparatus Operator Daniel Yost, 26 years of service
- Fire Lieutenant Mechanic Robert J. Mangione, 24 years of service, and
- Fire Fighter Brian Topolski, 21 years of service

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